Third Finance Commission

* 244 Q.—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of grant-in-aid received from the Central Government annually; and

(*b*) the amount recommended by the Third Finance Commission for next four years ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) The amount of grants-in-aid received from the Central Government annually from 1957–58 and the amount expected to be received for the next four years are furnished in column 3 of the statement[a] placed on the table of the House.

(*b*) The details regarding the various recommendations of the Third Finance Commission with reference to devolution of taxes and grants-in-aid have already been placed on the table of the House in a statement as a reply to Starred Question No. 119 by the same Member.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN: Sir, I find from the statement that in the year 1960–61 it is put down here as Rs. 1,195 lakhs. Suddenly in 1961-62 it comes down to Rs. 998 lakhs. Again in 1962–63 there is reduction. May I know why there is this reduction. On what basis has this been calculated ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: It is only sharing of tax that is collected or realisable. First, an *ad hoc* grant is made and then it is adjusted. The quantum of grant assistance is decided every year after discussing the matter with the Planning Commission. And that was how the figure was evolved.

Residential quarters

* 245 Q.—VIDWAN T. MUTHUKANNAPPAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to construct residential quarters attached to the school buildings for teachers in Government schools and aided schools; and

(*b*) if so, the stage at which the matter now stands ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) No, Sir. The Government have sanctioned only a scheme for provision of 750 quarters for women teachers employed in Panchayat Union schools.

(*b*) Does not arise.

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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY: Sir, is it a fact that the amounts allotted for such buildings in the previous years have not been fully utilised?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, I have no such information with me. But I can assure the hon. Member that whatever is allotted this year will be fully utilised.

Universities

*246 Q.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is any proposal to start more Universities in the State; and

(b) if so, the number of Universities proposed to be started?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) One at Madurai and one at Coimbatore.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Sir, what is the purpose in starting more Universities?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir I suppose the hon. Member understands the purpose of starting 'a University' If he understands it, then there will be no difficulty in the hon. Member understanding the purpose of starting another University.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Is not the Hon. Minister aware that one University can perform the work of many Universities if the University is properly and efficiently run? Then what necessity is there for starting more Universities?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: Sir, I may tell the hon. Member that whatever the efficiency of the management of the University that could be secured, one University cannot cater satisfactorily to a large State like the Madras State.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Sir, if more Universities are started, there is difficulty in the students who may pass out of such Universities getting the degree recognised in other States or foreign countries? Will this not entail difficulties for the students?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: I do not think so, Sir, not only with reference to Universities within the particular State but even with reference to Universities outside throughout India and in foreign countries. There should be no difficulty about students going from one to another University. That is what we aim at, particularly in the present context of national integration.

DR. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN: May I know, Sir, whether any industrialist from Madurai has offered a rich endowment for the proposed University?